

Kentucky AmeriCorps Disabilities Inclusion Advisory Council

The Kentucky AmeriCorps Disabilities Inclusion Advisory Council (KADIAC) was established in December 2007 to provide a unique pool of expertise that can be utilized to assure successful experiences for AmeriCorps members and volunteers with disabilities as they perform their assigned duties. This council marks another milestone in the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service's (KCCVS) efforts to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in community volunteerism and national service.

The mission of KADIAC is to promote the inclusion of a diverse membership that includes individuals with disabilities as community volunteers and national service members participating in the many programs of the KCCVS.

The advisory council will accomplish this mission by directing and advising the KCCVS Disabilities Coordinator, implementing inclusive policies and practices and providing technical information and other expertise regarding member accommodation requests. The Disabilities Coordinator encourages qualified individuals with disabilities to fully participate as members in Kentucky's AmeriCorps programs. The Disabilities Coordinator also provides outreach and advocacy to improve community inclusion efforts, physical access, and accommodation issues as a means to further expand national service opportunities.

The KADIAC meets quarterly to address policy and resource development, outreach, volunteer strategies and training. Responsibilities of the council include assisting and advising KCCVS staff on issues relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and other disability laws and regulations; providing technical advice to AmeriCorps programs pertaining to members with disabilities and accommodation requests, and producing materials, projects and activities to promote the full inclusion of qualified individuals with disabilities into Kentucky's AmeriCorps programs.

For more information about KADIAC, contact the KCCVS at (800) 239-7404.

To learn more about Kentucky's AmeriCorps programs, visit the KCCVS Web site at www.volunteerKY.ky.gov or call 800-239-7404.

To learn more about the Corporation for National and Community Service or the National Service Inclusion Project, please visit the following Web sites: www.cns.gov and www.serviceandinclusion.org.